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The S.E. Politburo criticized ADN for having published a report to the effect that an agricultural production cooperative had made a gift of rye to Korea. The Politburo considered this kind of publicity as a grave political error and pointed out that many East Germans would justly hold the opinion that East Germany **needed** the rye just as badly and that it was nonsense to ship the rye all the way to Korea, because the USSR and China were much nearer. Moreover, such transactions would only support a thesis held by enemies of the regime that food was being shipped to and fro for the sole purpose **of having** these shipments declared as Soviet food deliveries.

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